

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 96 and 116. A complete copy of the claims including marked-up versions of each claim which is amended in this Amendment appears below.

Claims 1-74 (Cancelled).

- 1 75. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:
3 at least one sheet of web material comprising at least one fold located therein, two
4 areas of structural weakness on opposite sides of said fold, and an opening located
5 directly opposite said fold, and
6 a reclosable fastener structure comprising two releasably engageable tracks each
7 having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom, said fold being located
8 in said reclosable fastener structure intermediate said skirt structures;
9 said skirt structures each including a distal margin;
10 said distal margins of said skirt structures being coupled to said web material at
11 corresponding opposed locations respectively located between said areas of structural
12 weakness and said opening;

13 said reclosable fastener structure extending past said fold and said areas of structural
14 weakness;
15 said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said
16 opening.

1 76. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said
2 reclosable fastener structure extends over said fold structure to enclose said fold structure
3 therein when said reclosable fastener structure is in a closed position.

1 77. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said skirt
2 web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

1 78. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said skirt
2 web material is coupled to said reclosable fastener structure.

1 79. (Withdrawn) The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein the web material includes an
2 outside surface and an inside surface; the inside surface including a predetermined area
3 having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

1 80. (Withdrawn) The reclosable bag of claim 79 wherein the peelable seal, when
2 formed, is hermetic.

1 81. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said
2 sheet of web material is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film material
3 having predetermined dimensions.

1 82. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 81, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film material.

1 83. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said
3 sheet of web material.

1 84. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 83, wherein said
2 predetermined dimension is width.

1 85. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 83, wherein said
2 predetermined dimension is length.

1 86. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said
3 sheet of said web material.

1 87. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 86, wherein said
2 predetermined dimension is width.

1 88. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 86, wherein said
2 predetermined dimension is length.

1 89. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of
3 web material in a predetermined pattern.

1 90. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

1 91. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

1 92. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

1 93. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 75, wherein said
2 sheet of web material comprises a multiple laminate film.

1 94. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 93, wherein said
2 multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

1 95. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 94, wherein said tear
2 path is hermetic.

1 96. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:

3 at least one sheet of web material comprising at least one fold located therein, two
4 areas of structural weakness on opposite sides of said fold, and an opening located
5 directly opposite said fold structure;

6 a reclosable fastener structure including two releasably engageable fastener tracks
7 each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom, said skirt
8 structures each including a distal margin, said distal margins being respectively coupled
9 to said sheet of web material at corresponding opposed locations respectively located
10 between said areas of structural weakness and said opening, wherein said reclosable
11 fastener structure ~~extending~~ extends past said areas of structural weakness and over said
12 fold structure;

13 said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said
14 opening.

1 97. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 96, wherein the skirt
2 web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

1 98. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 96, wherein the skirt
2 web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

1 99. (Withdrawn) The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein the web material includes an
2 outside surface and an inside surface; the inside surface including a predetermined area
3 having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

1 100. (Withdrawn) The reclosable bag of claim 99 wherein the peelable seal, when
2 formed, is hermetic.

1 101. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 96, wherein said web
2 material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a parent film
3 material having predetermined dimensions.

1 102. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 101, wherein the
2 areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

1 103. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 96, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined dimension of said
3 sheet of web material.

1 104. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 103, wherein the
2 predetermined dimension is width.

1 105. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 103, wherein the
2 predetermined dimension is length.

1 106. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 96, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined dimension of said
3 sheet of said web material.

1 107. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 106, wherein the
2 predetermined dimension is width.

1 108. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 106, wherein the
2 predetermined dimension is length.

1 109. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 96, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of said sheet of
3 web material in a predetermined pattern.

1 110. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 96, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

1 111. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 96, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

1 112. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 96, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

1 113. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 96, wherein said
2 sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

1 114. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 113, wherein said
2 multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a tear path.

1 115. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 114, wherein said tear
2 path is hermetic.

1 116. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:

3 at least one sheet of web material including first and second sides thereof, said at
4 least one sheet of web material having a fold structure located therein and an opening
5 located directly opposite said fold structure, said first side of said at least one sheet of
6 web material defining an interior of the reclosable bag, said second side of said at least
7 one sheet of web material defining an exterior of the reclosable bag;

8 ~~at least one a tear tape structure, said at least one tear tape~~ structure located in said
9 web material on each side of said fold in said at least one sheet of web material;

10 a reclosable fastener structure having two releasably engageable fastener halves
11 each including an integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom, said
12 integral skirt structures each including at least one distal margin, said distal margins
13 being coupled to said sheet of web material corresponding opposed locations on said
14 second side of said at least one sheet of web material which are each located between said
15 tear tape structure and said opening;

16 wherein said reclosable fastener structure extends past said tear tape structure and over
17 said fold structure;

18 said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product.

Claims 117-137 (Cancelled).

1 138. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:
3 at least one sheet of web material defining:
4 a front panel having a top, a bottom, and sides; and
5 a rear panel having a top, a bottom, and sides, said tops and said sides of
6 said front and rear panels being coupled together, an opening being located
7 between said bottoms of said front and rear panels;
8 an area of structural weakness located in each of said front and rear panels below
9 said tops of said front and rear panels and extending between at least a substantial portion
10 of said sides of said front and rear panels; and
11 a reclosable fastener assembly comprising first and second interlockable fastener
12 tracks each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending downwardly
13 therefrom, said skirt structures each including a distal portion, said distal portion of said
14 skirt structure of said first fastener track being coupled to said front panel below said area
15 of structural weakness located in said front panel, said distal portion of said skirt structure
16 of said second fastener track being coupled to said rear panel below said area of structural
17 weakness located in said rear panel;
18 wherein said reclosable fastener assembly extends over the portions of said front and rear
19 panels located between said areas of structural weakness and said tops of said front and

20 reap panels, and wherein said reclosable bag is capable of being filled with at least one
21 food product through said opening.

22 139. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein said
23 areas of structural weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off
24 portion being capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of structural
25 weakness.

1 140. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein said
2 front panel and said rear panel comprise a single segment of web material, a fold being
3 located in said segment of web material intermediate said front panel and said rear panel.

1 141. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 140, wherein said
2 fold is located intermediate said areas of structural weakness.

1 142. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness comprise a hermetic seal.

1 143. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein at least
2 a substantial portion of said areas of structural weakness extend in a direction which is
3 generally parallel to said first and second interlockable fastener tracks.

1 144. (Withdrawn) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein portions of said
2 front and rear panels located near said top sides thereof are releasably coupled to each,
3 thereby forming a peelable hermetic seal.

1 145. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein said
2 areas of structural weakness are integral to said web material.

1 146. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein said
2 sheet of web material comprises a multiple laminate film.

1 147. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein areas of
2 structural weakness comprise perforations.

1 148. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein areas of
2 structural weakness comprise microperforations.

1 149. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein areas of
2 structural weakness comprise scoring.

1 150. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, additionally
2 comprising:
3 at least one tear tape structure coupled to said web material and adjacent to at least
4 one of said areas of structural weakness.

1 151. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, additionally
2 comprising:
3 notches in said sides of said front and rear panels which are located adjacent
4 opposite ends of said areas of structural weakness.

1 152. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein opposite
2 ends of said first and second fastener tracks are sealed together.

3 153. (Previously Presented) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, additionally
4 comprising:
5 a slider which is slidably mounted on said first and second fastener tracks between
6 opposite ends of said first and second fastener tracks to selectively engage said tracks
7 together and disengage said first and second fastener tracks, thereby respectively closing
8 and opening said reclosable bag.